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## **NASA Visitor Center Events Scheduled for September**

### **September 1 -- "Model Rocket Launch"**

A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

### **September 2 -- "Bike Tour of the Main Base"**

Learn about Wallops Flight Facility as you ride your bike on the NASA Main Base. Participants must bring their own bicycles, and wear a helmet. The tour starts at 3 p.m., is 3 miles long and takes approximately an hour. Registration is at the NASA Visitor Center. The tour will be cancelled if it is raining.

### **September 15 -- "Buoyancy, Ballooning and Boats"**

NASA's scientific balloons use the principles of buoyancy to carry science experiments to the fringes of space. Beginning at 1 p.m., this 30-minute program explores why some things float and others don't. Participants will make aluminum foil boats and load them with pennies to test the buoyant force.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the 10-minute puppet show, "Puppets in Space", is presented at 11 a.m. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey explore space flight and the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmites" follows the puppet show.

On Sundays at 1 p.m. a 30-minute program on "Humans in space" is presented. The program looks at living and working in space and includes a review of the astronauts' meals and their wardrobe. The program is followed by an activity during which children have the opportunity to create their own "space helmet."

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Children aged 5-10 years old can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their visit by completing an activity sheet.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open daily through Labor Day, September 3. Beginning September 4, the Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Monday. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center programs is free. For further information, visit the Visitor Center web site at: <http://www.wff.nasa.gov/vc/> or call (757) 824-2298.

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